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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY HEATON, HEDDENS, MASCHER, HUNTER,  
1 3 STECKMAN, THEDE, WENDT, WESSEL=KROESCHELL,  
1 4 ALONS, KOESTER, PETERSEN, SODERBERG, T. OLSON,  
1 5 BAUDLER, UPMEYER, and L. MILLER  
1 6 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to take  
1 7 action to shorten the almost two-year delay in  
1 8 resolving claims for Social Security disability  
1 9 benefits.  
1 10 WHEREAS, 7.2 million Americans collect Social  
1 11 Security disability benefits because of a medical  
1 12 condition that prevents them from working for at least  
1 13 one year; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million Americans file  
1 15 disability claims with the federal Social Security  
1 16 Administration each year and then wait, often unable  
1 17 to work; and  
1 18 WHEREAS, nationally, the average wait for an  
1 19 administrative law judge's decision on disability  
1 20 benefits has now stretched to 502 days, compared with  
1 21 258 days in 2000; and  
1 22 WHEREAS, it is clear that a large part of the  
1 23 problem is that the federal Social Security  
1 24 Administration is underfunded, with Congress  
1 25 appropriating an average of \$150 million less than the  
1 26 president requested each year since 2001; NOW  
1 27 THEREFORE,  
1 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
1 29 That the House of Representatives calls upon the  
1 30 United States Congress to take action to shorten the  
2 1 almost two-year delay in resolving claims for Social  
2 2 Security disability benefits; and  
2 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this  
2 4 resolution, suitable copies of the resolution shall be  
2 5 transmitted to the members of Iowa's congressional  
2 6 delegation and the President of the United States.  
2 7 LSB 1670YH 83  
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